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PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held Thursday, January 25, 2007

Resources Building, 1416 9th Street, 15th floor, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, 1506-12
Sacramento, California

Members Participating: Doug Ferrier, Chairman
Michael Stroud
Tom Osipowich
Gerald Jensen
Ray Flynn
Otto van Emmerik
Kim Rodrigues

Staff Participating: Eric Huff, Executive Officer
Terra Perkins, Office Technician

Public Participating:

Kent Norton, AEP	Rose Marie Moore, RMM Environmental
John Hofmann, RCRC	Chris Quirnbach, CLFA
Ray Morneau, WCISA, ASCA, CAA	Carl Mellinger, WCISA
Robert Askine, SMUD	Rick Close, Davey Tree
Gabe Beeler, WCISA	Stacy Barker, WCISA
Ken Menzer, City of Folsom	Brian Davin, WCISA
Jim Kral, Progressive Forestry	Maureen Rivers, Progressive Forestry

Chairman Ferrier called the meeting to order at 0910 hours and requested action on the first agenda item.

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2006 AND DECEMBER 13, 2006 MEETINGS

01-01-07 Member Flynn moved to approve both sets of minutes and Member van Emmerik seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with two abstentions for each set of minutes due to absence.

REPORT ON BOARD ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO PFEC APPOINTMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION OF POLICY STATEMENTS

Chairman Ferrier reported that both he and Member Stroud had been reappointed to the PFEC in their respective positions as Chair and Certified Specialty Representative through unanimous vote of the Board.

Chairman Ferrier also reported that the Board's Policy Statements for Foresters Registration had been unanimously reauthorized by the Board with little discussion.

Lastly, Chairman Ferrier noted that the Board had awarded five (5) new Professional Forester registrations on the PFEC's recommendation.

UPDATE ON COMPLETION OF ACTIONS RELATED TO PLAN FILING STANDARDS REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

In the absence of Department representation, Chairman Ferrier requested that EO Huff provide an update as to the Department's actions related to the PFEC's Plan Filing Standards Report. EO Huff reported that the Department was approximately one week away from posting a memorandum identifying recent filing issues for the benefit of the regulated public. EO Huff also reported that CAL FIRE forester, Chris Browder has compiled a stack of plan return letters to be forwarded to the PFEC in the near future.

EO Huff indicated once again that the next edition of Licensing News would be forthcoming.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO DRAFT POLICY STATEMENT ON THE PRACTICE OF FORESTRY AND OTHER PROFESSIONS

Chairman Ferrier introduced the topic and reported that we have four different versions of the proposed draft policy statement for consideration by the Committee. The Chairman then solicited comments from Kent Norton, (President of AEP), John Hofmann (RCRC) and representatives of WCISA.

Mr. Norton responded that the AEP version of the draft policy was based upon a review of the other versions and incorporated comments to date. Mr. Hofmann of RCRC preferred not to comment on his proposed draft version of the policy, but responded that he felt we were all very close in our respective versions of the policy. Representatives of WCISA deferred comment until their colleagues arrived.

Chairman Ferrier then opened the floor to comment from others and Chris Quirnbach specified CLFA's desire to see the entire definition of *forestry* incorporated within the draft policy statement. Discussion continued with the expression of various perspectives on this suggestion.

Following this discussion, Member Rodrigues asked all meeting participants to convey what version of the draft policy they could support. Round table discussion ensued with various editorial collaborations and reiteration of points of contention.

After a brief meeting break, Chairman Ferrier directed further editorial review with participation by the majority of attendees. Considerable discussion followed on the issue of forest conversion, zoning law, the Forest Practice Act, and the practice of forestry. Chairman Ferrier concluded over an hour of discussion on this subtopic and directed that the assembly break for lunch and come back ready to seek a "final" draft version. Representatives of WCISA indicated that they were satisfied with the draft policy at this point and would not be returning after the break. EO Huff reminded all parties that the

Board would ultimately have to adopt the draft final version and that comment would continue to be taken to that point.

After the lunch break, Member Rodrigues expressed the concern that any attempt to resolve the zoning question would inappropriately bring the Forest Practice Act into this deliberation. Member Rodrigues went to say that while the relationship of zoning law to the Forest Practice Act is one that should receive further consideration in this or another venue, that's not what this proposed policy is about. Further discussion amongst the assembly led to the determination that this proposed policy was not going to be able to resolve the zoning question.

The assembly continued with the editorial process under the direction of Chairman Ferrier. Discussion concluded with a number of minor language revisions.

Chairman Ferrier then called for a motion to recommend that the Board adopt the proposed policy statement as modified at this meeting.

01-02-07 Member Rodrigues offered the motion, Member Osipowich offered a friendly amendment to make certain the recommended version is that which was finalized at this meeting, and Member Flynn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Flynn offered the Committee's thanks to those who participated in the development of this policy, particularly Kent Norton, John Hofmann and Chris Quirnbach.

Member Rodrigues added that the discussion that was started in this effort should continue and that development of a "frequently asked questions" or scenario type document would be a positive next step. The assembly concurred with this idea. EO Huff offered that assuming the Board adopted the proposed policy it would need to be accompanied by a cover letter to the various local government recipients explaining how and why it came to be. This cover letter could also include the use of scenarios to help highlight the practical application of the policy.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE COMMENT ON PROPOSED CURRICULUM STANDARDS FOR THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS (SAF) SPECIALIZED ACCREDITATION OF URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAMS

EO Huff introduced the topic. Chairman Ferrier solicited the opinions of the membership. Member Jensen offered that upon his review of the standards he had no strong opinions for or against them.

Chairman Ferrier concluded discussion by asking the Members to provide any further comments to EO Huff prior to the deadline for response.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Ferrier asked if there was any new or unfinished business and EO Huff responded with a brief note that he and Board EO, George Gentry would be attending a Cal Poly Natural Resources/Environmental Management Advisory Committee meeting at the end of the month.

ADJOURNMENT

01-03-07 Member Flynn moved to adjourn the Open Session and Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.